



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"

Russ Guiney, Director

June 24, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**PARKS AND RECREATION:
APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
REVISED FEES
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request to approve revisions to the Department of Parks and Recreation's Fees and Charges Schedule, effective August 1, 2008. Revisions to the Department's schedule of fees and charges are based on the annual review of fees charged for similar services by neighboring public park agencies.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING

Approve revisions to the Department of Parks and Recreation's Fees and Charges Schedule (Attachment I), effective August 1, 2008, as provided in the attached resolution and instruct the Executive Officer to execute the resolution. The increase of fees is based on the Department's annual review of fees charged for similar services by neighboring public park agencies.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) has completed its annual review of various fees in accordance with a 1980-81 Grand Jury recommendation. The annual review process includes obtaining fee data for similar services provided by neighboring public park agencies, including the Cities of Long Beach and Los Angeles, Ventura and Orange Counties, and the State of California. The Department conducts a thorough analysis of its current fees and the collected fee data, and if supported by the analysis, recommends revisions to your Board for approval.

This review indicates that the Department's current fees and charges schedule should be revised to maintain consistency with fees charged for similar services by other jurisdictions. These revisions include the establishment of new fees, the revision of current fees, and the elimination of fees. In addition, the fees and charges schedule is being revised to include the elimination of the indoor reception fee and the Peacock Café/Queen Anne's Cottage fee at the Arboretum since these sites are no longer available for rentals. These adjustments to the Department's schedule of fees are warranted, as outlined in Attachment I.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations are consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goals No. 1 (Service Excellence), Goal No. 4 (Fiscal Responsibility), Goal No. 5 (Children & Family's Well Being) and Goal No. 6 (Community Services by enhancing recreational experiences).

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended actions will result in an estimated net revenue increase of \$25,000 in Fiscal Year 2008-09 (FY 2008-09) and will be utilized to fund general operating cost increases throughout the Department.

Operating Budget Impact

The recommended actions will increase the Department's Operating revenue by an estimated \$25,000 in FY 2008-09. This increase will be included in the Department's FY 2008-09 Final Changes request.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

All fees were reviewed to ensure that they are reasonable and cost effective in comparison to other municipal and public agencies. The results are reflected in our recommendations. The last revisions to the Department's fees and charges were made July 1, 2007.

In accordance with Section 50402 of the Government Code, these changes must be approved by a resolution of your Board.

County Counsel has approved the attached resolution as to form.

Public Hearing Notice

Public hearing notice requirements of Government Code Section 6062a have been satisfied and public hearing requirements of Government Code Section 66018, for fee increases will be satisfied by this action.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed actions are for the purpose of: (1) meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits and/or (2) purchasing and leasing supplies, equipment or materials, and/or (3) obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas. Therefore, the proposed actions are not subject to California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080 (b) (8) (A) (B) (C) of the Public Resources Code.

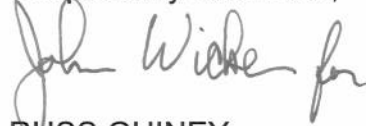
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The increases are not anticipated to have a significant impact on services at the affected facilities.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to forward three (3) conformed copies of this letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation for distribution.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John W. Guiney for".

RUSS GUINEY
Director

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Attachments

c: County Counsel

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2008 Proposed Fees and Charges

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>Change from Current Fee</u>	<u>Last Revised</u> (Date of Board Letter)
<u>I. NEW FEES</u>				
<u>Limousine Vehicle Entry</u>				
Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park, Castaic Lake State Recreation Area Kenneth Hahn State Rec. Area (Weekends & Holidays only-Year Round), Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area, Pete F. Schabarum and Whittier Narrows Recreation Area (Areas "A", "D" and "E" only)	N/A	\$10 per vehicle	N/A	N/A
<u>Bicycle Motocross Track (BMX) - Whittier Narrows Recreation Area</u>				
Scholarship Race	N/A	\$15 - \$35 / person	N/A	N/A
State Championship	N/A	\$30 - \$40 / person	N/A	N/A
Regional Race	N/A	\$40 - \$50 / person	N/A	N/A
National Race	N/A	\$50 - \$60 / person	N/A	N/A
<u>Equestrian Facilities/Special Events Rental Fees</u>				
Hasley Canyon Equestrian Arena/Special Events (Exclusive Use)	N/A	\$250 / day	N/A	N/A
<u>R.V. Park</u>				
Castaic - Shower Fee	N/A	\$1/ three minutes	N/A	N/A
Marshall Canyon Regional Park (no hook-ups or dumpsite available)	N/A	\$18 / per campsite / day	N/A	N/A

*The fees will be determined by the governing sanctioning body of the BMX Track. The current operator has the track sanctioned under the National Bicycle League (NBL) who dictates the fees for practices, races, etc. Future operators of the track, whether concessionaires or department staff, may choose to have the track sanctioned under the American Bicycle Association (ABA) who has a different fee schedule than the NBL. Therefore, having the range of fees keeps the Department in compliance in the future whether the track is sanctioned by the NBL or ABA.

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<u>II. REVISED FEES</u>				
<u>Outdoor Facility Reserved Use</u>				
Clean-up/Damage Deposit	\$50-\$5000(may be required or waived as appropriate)	\$100-\$5000(may be required or waived as appropriate) to be consistent with the Indoor Security/Clean-up Deposit	\$50 increase (low end)	Increased - March 25, 2003
<u>BMX Racing (Whittier Narrows Recreation Area)</u>				
Practice	\$3/person	\$4 - \$6 / person	Increase of up to \$3	Created - June 23, 1998
Single Race (formerly Race)	\$9/person	\$8 - \$14 / person	Increase of up to \$5	Created - June 23, 1998
Double-Point Race	\$18/person	\$15 - \$20 / person	Increase of up to \$2	Created - September 25, 2001
Triple Point / State Qualifier (formerly Triple-Point Race)	\$27/person	\$25 - \$30 / person	Increase of up to \$3	Created - September 25, 2001
<u>Equestrian Facilities/Special Events Rental Fees</u>				
Marshall Canyon Equestrian Center Including 45 Corrals - excluding overnight (formerly Partial Use at Fred M. Palmer Equestrian Camping and Training Facility)	\$125-1,000/day	\$250 - \$1,000 / day	Increase of up to \$125 (low end)	Created - September 25, 2001
<u>Arboreta and Regional Facilities</u>				
<u>Admission Fees</u>				
Adults - Descanso Gardens only	up to \$7/day	\$8 / adult	Increase of \$1	Increased - May 25, 2004
Senior Citizen or Student with ID - Descanso Gardens only	up to \$5/day	\$6 / Senior Citizen or Student with ID	Increase of \$1	Increased - May 25, 2004
Children (5 through 12) - Descanso Gardens only	up to \$2.50/day	\$3 / child	Increase of \$0.50	Increased - May 25, 2004
Tram Tour - Descanso Gardens only	\$3/person	\$4 / person	Increase of \$1	Increased - May 25, 2004
<u>Weddings and Receptions</u>				
Wedding Only	\$500-\$2,000 (50-300 persons)	\$500 - \$3,500 (50 - 550 persons)	Increase of \$1,500 (high-end)	Increased - September 25, 2001
Reception Only	\$500-\$2,500 (50-300 persons)	\$500 - \$4,500 (50- 550 persons)	Increase of \$2,000 (high-end)	Increased - March 25, 2003

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<u>Virginia Robinson Gardens</u> Senior Citizen or Student with ID	\$5/day	\$6 / Senior Citizen or Student with ID	Increase of \$1	Increased in 2003

III. ELIMINATED FEES

Bicycle Motocross Track (BMX) - Whittier Narrows Recreation Area

Tournament Registration Fee

not to exceed \$5/person

Eliminate

Created - June 23, 1998

Indoor Reception only*

Restaurant/Cafe

\$600 (150 persons)

Eliminate

Increased March 25, 2003

Peacock Café/Queen Anne's Cottage

\$21 (doesn't include Arboretum
entrance fee)

Eliminate

Created - December 16, 2003

RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE VARIOUS FEES AND CHARGES

WHEREAS, the County's parks offer services and recreational opportunities similar to other facilities at which these fees are collected; and

WHEREAS, these increases will help offset operating costs; and

WHEREAS, the additional funding is in the public interest and welfare; and

WHEREAS, these costs do not exceed the cost of the services provided by the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 50402, the County has the authority to charge for use of park and recreational facilities as provided by resolution of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, all recommended fee increases for County park facilities funded or improved with State bond park funds are not in excess of 125 percent of similar fees charged by the State Department of Parks and Recreation for the use of State facilities; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California as follows:

The County's parks and recreation fees shall be adjusted as outlined in Attachment I hereto, effective August 1, 2008.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and the ex-officio governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts, adopted the foregoing Resolution on the _____ day of _____, 2008.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-Clerk
Of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By Chit Q. Salcedo
Senior Deputy County Counsel

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED INCREASES IN FEES
AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARK FACILITIES**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles in the matter of increasing fees at County parks. Said hearing will be held on June 24, 2008 in the Hearing Room of the Board of Supervisors, Room 381, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street (corner of Temple and Grand Avenue), Los Angeles, California 90012. Further notice is given that the Board of Supervisors may continue this hearing from time to time.

Proposed New Fees

Establish a vehicle entrance fee for limousines at \$10 per vehicle for Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park, Castaic Lake State Recreation Area, Kenneth Hahn Recreation Area, Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area, Peter F. Schabarum Regional Park and Whittier Narrows Recreation Area (Areas "A", "D" and "E" only).

Establish the following fees at the Bicycle Motocross Track at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area: a fee for scholarship races ranging from \$15-\$35/person; a fee for state championship ranging from \$30-\$40/person; a fee for regional races ranging from \$40-\$50/person; and a fee for national races ranging from \$50-\$60/person.

Establish a fee for exclusive use at \$250/day at Hasley Canyon Equestrian Arena/Special Events.

Establish a fee for shower use at \$1 at Castaic Lake Campground.

Establish a camping fee at \$18/campsite/day at Marshall Canyon Regional Park.

Proposed Increased Fees

Increase the clean-up/damage deposit ranging from \$50-\$5,000 to \$100-\$5,000.

Increase the practice fee at the Bicycle Motocross (BMX) Track (at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area from \$3/person to a range of \$4-\$6/person.

Increase the single race (formerly Race) fee at the BMX Track at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area from \$9/person to a range of \$8-\$14/person.

Increase the double-point race fee at the BMX Track at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area from \$18/person to a range of \$15-\$20/person.

Increase the triple point/state qualifier (formerly Triple-Point Race) fee at the BMX Track at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area from \$27/person to a range of \$25-\$30/person

Increase the adult admission fee at Descanso Gardens from \$7/day to \$8/day.

Increase the senior citizen or student with I.D. admission fee at Descanso Gardens and Virginia Robinson Gardens from \$5/day to \$6/day.

Increase the children (5 through 12) entrance fee at Descanso Gardens from \$2.50/day to \$3/day.

Increase the tram tour fee at Descanso Gardens from \$3/person to \$4/person.

Increase the wedding only fee for the arboreta and regional facilities ranging from \$500-\$2,000 (50-300 persons) to \$500-\$3,500 (50-550 persons).

Increase the reception only fee for the arboreta and regional facilities ranging from \$500-\$2,500 (50-300 persons) to \$500-\$4,500 (50-550 persons).

Elimination of Fees

Eliminate the \$5 tournament registration fee for the Bicycle Motocross Track at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area.

Eliminate the \$600 (up to 150 persons) indoor reception fee at the Restaurant/Café, and the \$21 Peacock Café/Queen Anne's Cottage fee for the Arboretum. These sites will no longer be available for rentals.

Written comments may be sent to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors at the above address. For further information, please call (213) 738-3226.

Para su información en español, favor de llamar el teléfono siguiente (213) 738-2952.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer-Clerk of
The Board of Supervisors